

instantly three serious diseases of various characters.

"And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed" (Matt. 8:2-3) ... "And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him" (Matt. 8:6-7) ... "And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them" (Matt. 8:14-15) ... "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matt. 8:16-17).

The healing miracles are a fulfilment of (Isaiah 53: 4) and deal with deliverance through the Servants sufferings. Sickness and sin were always closely linked in Jewish thought.

#### **JESUS CAN MEET OUR NEED**

Nothing has changed! He could and did easily heal and deliver from physical sickness and importantly we are aware He did deliver people and will deliver from the powerful disease of sin. The cross of Calvary and the blood that was shed physically by our Lord Jesus has the power to forgive personal sin in our lives today. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Matthew delights to tell of the totality of his life and ministry. Jesus Christ fulfils scriptural prophecy in every single detail.

We can be healed. We can be saved. We can be ready for His second coming.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

If you have information, articles, or prayer request that you would like to be included in a future edition of the UPDATE, Please contact:

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# Update

July - September 2009

## Reports and Reaction to FEM Celebration and Rally

Saturday 9 May - Hunslet Nazarene Church Lupton Street LS10 2QR

(The above address is the Registered Office of the Fellowship of Evangelistic Ministries.)

"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:9-10)

### Welcome

A very warm and sincere welcome to the Hunslet Nazarene Church and the 113 FEM AGM was delivered by the Church secretary Michael Hewison. This is the first time this Church has hosted the FEM AGM and Celebration Rally and was delighted to do so.

### Administrator's report (Frank Rowley)

The continuous ministry of FEM from 1896 has brought blessing to people in many places. It can be compared to the gentle falling of the dew from heaven on dry land. We are today called to reach out to this generation.

A new venture. The 6' x 3' FEM banner on the church was computer designed by Ian, Gary, Michael and Frank overcoming many difficulties along the design path. The finished banner is distinct

and eye catching giving details of every aspect of our work and ministry.

Publicity for FEM in the British Church Newspaper will continue. We will discontinue Evangelical Times because of heavy costs. Perhaps the Good News paper may prove suitable for our work.

Gary has set up an internet system for interested members with Box.net replacing the Diino programme. Computers can be sanctified to God's service and glory.

May the blessing of the LORD be on the entire work and with all members in accordance with the truth of the Scripture heading of this report.

#### Treasurer's report (Terry Martin)

Terry presented written details of income and expenditure over the year from April to April. He highlighted areas of concern regarding FEM advertising costs. Gifts to the ministry have increased

Money in bank April 2008 = £4156.49

Money in bank April 2009 = £4313.11

We seek to be prudent in expenditure yet positive in outreach.

The report was well received.

#### Principal's report (Gary J. Hall)

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15)

Gary presented a full and detailed written report covering all details of the Evangelistic Academy. The complex and important Academy ministries were set out in the time honoured FEM alliterative style.

"We as members of FEM ought to promote the Academy as much as possible. This means telling our friends, family and church members about the work. The Academy is simply another tool for spreading the Good News to those who are not being taught the Scriptures. Unless we are ashamed of the ministry, we must publish it abroad." For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it

is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. (Romans 1: 16). The challenging report was received with appreciation to the Lord.

#### New members

Michael and Ian were accepted by the AGM to the Executive Council and Pastor Richard Woods to FEM membership. Each received the right hand of fellowship. A lovely sense of the Lord adding to the work of FEM was experienced by all present.

#### Closing prayer (Andrew Nelson)

Andrew committed the present and future ministry to the Lord in blessing and benediction. The name of the Lord was glorified by all.

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This is only a brief report from our recent Annual General Meeting for 2009, if you desire a fuller version of the 2010 AGM we would be delighted to see you at the meeting.

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## DEALING WITH DISEASES

"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:17)

**O**ur Lord Jesus Christ's teaching ministry touched the responsive hearts and minds of His many listeners, and in the continuing revelation his healing ministry now touched their sick and damaged bodies, just as the prophet Isaiah said it would. Prophetic Scripture is, and always will be fulfilled. This word of truth in our text expands the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, and records marvels and miracles which He did among the people. Jesus dealt with the problem of disease, sickness and suffering with ease. His word and touch was impressive when dealing with human infirmity.

#### JESUS MEETS THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE

We note the three healings reveal his compassion in meeting the needs of despised and rejected people, and above all his authority in curing